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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: Photo Coverage of Africa and
the Near East

1. This memorandum is in response to further queries on the IDEALIST capability to cover COMOR targets and other areas of interest in Africa and the Near East which were outlined in [redacted] subject, "COMOR Interest in Photo Coverage of Africa and the Near East". Using a planning factor of 1500 nautical miles radius for the present U-2, the following areas can generally be covered from launch bases below provided clearance is obtained for their use.

a. [redacted] Coverage can be obtained of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, [redacted] Yemen, Aden, Lebanon, southern Arabia, Saudi Arabia and eastern Algeria.

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b. [redacted] Iraq, Syria, [redacted] Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, south Arabia, Aden, Comoro Islands, Seychelles Islands, the northern part of Mozambique and the northern half of Zambia can be covered.

c. [redacted] Egypt, Iraq, Syria, [redacted] Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, northern Mozambique, southern Arabia, Comoro Islands and the Seychelles Islands can be covered by the U-2.

2. To determine exactly how many specific targets can be effectively covered, it will be necessary to go into more flight planning detail when additional information is available. Mapping and charting type missions will shorten the

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radius that the U-2 will be able to fly. At the maximum radius of the U 2, the amount of coverage will be restricted to a very small area. Those countries at the extreme range from the operating base will only receive a minimum amount of photo cover.

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